

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB DEVELOPMENTS



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#ETB WEEK

11-15 March 2024



CNS Quiz Quest: A Day of Fun, Laughter, and Learning

March 13th marked a joyous and bustling day at the head office for the second year of our DDLETB CNS Quiz Quest.

Laughter echoed through the building as students from seven Community National Schools eagerly participated in this exciting event. With two teams per school from 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th classes, the atmosphere was electric with enthusiasm and plenty of competitiveness.



The event kicked off with a burst of energy as participants dove into five rounds of challenging questions covering a wide range of topics. From history to science, literature to pop culture, the young learners showcased their knowledge and quick thinking, impressing both their peers and teachers alike.

But it wasn't all about serious competition. Throughout the day, there were plenty of dance breaks to keep spirits high and energy levels up and adding an extra layer of excitement to the already vibrant atmosphere.

While there could only be a few winners crowned on the day, every student who took part demonstrated courage, teamwork, and a thirst for knowledge. To all who attended, whether as participants, organisers, or supporters, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what made this event such a success.

And of course, congratulations are in order to our deserving winners. Your hard work and determination have paid off, and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

As we wrap up this year's CNS Quiz Quest, we look forward to many more exciting events in the future. Let's continue to celebrate the joy of learning and the spirit of community that makes events like these truly special.

Scoil Choilm have been working as Scientists again!

Ms Maher's Fifth Class participated in the Primary Science Fair in the RDS. The Primary Science Fair takes place alongside the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition. It encourages primary school aged children to develop their interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in a non-competitive environment.

Ms Maher's Fifth Class carried out 'A Comparative Sugar Content Study of Supermarket Own Brand Breakfast Cereals'. They began their research by surveying the favourite cereals of their peers. They discovered that the preferred breakfast cereals in their class were 'Cornflakes', 'Coco Pops', and 'Crunchy Nut'. They then measured out how much sugar each cereal contained and compared it with the same cereal from other supermarkets. 'Cornflakes', 'Coco Pops' and 'Crunchy Nut' from Lidl, Aldi, Tesco, Dunnes and SuperValu were all analysed and compared.

The results were shocking! The sugar content in cereals varies greatly in supermarket own brand breakfast cereals. Cornflakes from Lidl contain 1.3g of sugar whereas Cornflakes from Dunnes Stores contain 6.1g of sugar. The class created posters to present their findings in the RDS.

On the morning of the Primary Science Fair, the children arrived at school early. They travelled by bus to the RDS and set up their stand. The RDS was filled with young Scientists presenting their findings from their experiments.

The children attended Science shows, chatted to visitors to the Science fair, explained their experiment to judges, met with An Garda Síochána and the Irish Coast Guards and explored lots of other Science projects. The judges had lots of questions and were very impressed with the children's work. Ms Maher's Fifth Class had a great day at the Primary Science Fair and Scoil Choilm has already begun researching for next year!



A Day of Celebration at Scoil Cholim Community National School

On Friday, February 2nd the entire school community came together to celebrate our ETB Ethos and core values of excellence in education, equality, respect, care, and community in the most wonderful way.

Learners performed songs as an expression of the core values and learners, school staff and parents spoke and paid tribute to the amazing community spirit in Scoil Cholim CNS.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for the school to invite the most important people in the children's lives into the school. It was chance for the community to see the children perform and to celebrate the wonderful learners, the beautiful school, dedicated staff, and supportive parents.

The event was attended by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Minister Roderick O'Gorman, Minister Jack Chambers, DDLETB CE Caitriona Murphy, DDLETB Head Office representatives and local delegates. Parents baked and cooked a wonderful array of food from around the world and students presented delegates with beautifully framed artwork as a wonderful reminder of a very special day.

The stars of the 2 days were, however, the learners, the VIP's of Scoil Cholim CNS who demonstrated such enthusiasm, pride and fondness for their school and school community, as well as providing amazing musical backdrop for the event. We are so proud of them all!

DDLETB would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to staff, learners and parents for organising the 2-day event and working so hard to ensure its success.

Take a look at a video montage from day 1 – with junior and senior infants, 1st and 2nd class learners https://youtu.be/pMtCp_vsC68



The Role of School Chaplaincy

By Grace Mullins, Chaplain at Castleknock Community College

There was a man in the 4th century named Martin. When Martin was 15 years old he was forced to join the army of the occupying Roman Empire in France. One day he saw a beggar freezing in the cold, so Martin moved by compassion, removed his cloak and cut it in half.

He gave half to the beggar and kept half of the cloak. Martin became a Christian in the years that followed. Martin's half of the cloak became a precious relic, a representation of compassion and of protecting that which is sacred. The guardian of the cloak was called the Capellanus, this word was translated to English as Chaplain.

Today the Chaplain still represents compassion and protects that which is sacred. DDLETB schools are multi-denominational, therefore Chaplains seek to protect and encourage students to develop their own spirituality. Spirituality is how people understand themselves and the world they live in, it is how they relate to others and for some, how they relate to a deity.

Chaplains contribute to the holistic development of students, so that they have the skills to understand their own well-being and can manage their emotional,

mental, physical, and spiritual needs. Chaplains are champions for spiritual development, through retreats, providing prayer spaces, facilitating meditations, and arranging faith-based activities across all faiths.

Chaplains play a great role in helping students to foster a sense of belonging and unity within our diverse communities in schools. This is done by marking different faith holidays or celebrations. Chaplains also highlight the connection points of people of different faiths and those with none, to promote respect and community.

Chaplains work as part of a wider caring community in schools. Much of a Chaplain's time is spent providing one to one emotional support to students and staff. This is done through compassionate listening, by providing a safe space for students to rest and reflect and by accompanying students and staff through the ups and downs of life.

The role of the school Chaplain is a very valuable one to the whole school community working with students, staff and parents to foster a sense of belonging and espousing the core values of DDLETB schools through Respect, Community, Equality, Excellence in Education and Care.



DEVELOPMENT TEAM & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Inter Schools Competition

We can't wait for the Inter Schools Competition Finals, huge well done to all those who will take part in the finals of both our debating and chess competitions – Let the Games Begin!

- **Inter-schools Chess Competition**
- Final April 26th
- **Inter-schools Debating Competition**
- Final April 25

Student Voice

Post-Primary Student Voice pilot programme has started. Student Voice cluster events are scheduled for April/May – invitation to all schools to attend one cluster event for Student Voice Coordinator and up to five students per school. Might best suit TY students.

Schools must register for their local event by Fri 22nd March.

- **Cluster 1 host school**
Skerries CC 9th April 10am-1pm
- **Cluster 2 host school**
Swords CC 10th April 10am-1pm
- **Cluster 3 host school**
Luttrellstown CC
- **Cluster 4 host school**
Firhouse CC
- **Cluster 5 host school**
Coláiste de Híde May 8th 10-1pm

Year Head Support and Development Programme

Our Post-Primary Year Head Support and Development Programme has kicked off to a great start. This is the first year of this pilot programme and after a period of extensive research we welcomed 31 participants (1 year head from each of our PP schools) to very successful first and second sessions in DDLETB Head Office.

We extend a huge welcome to participants and thank them for their engagement in our research and in the programme so far. See you all at session 3 and 4.

- **Session 3 – April 18th, 2024.**
- **Session 4 – May 9th, 2024.**

Ethos

Post-Primary Ethos Lead support and training throughout the year with school support visits.

- **April 11th** – Ethos Lead Network Meeting Head Office Tuansgate 1pm-3.30pm
- **April 22nd** – Symposium for Ethos Leads in Radisson Hotel Athlone 9.30-3.30pm
- **April 26th** – Deadline for nomination of student for 'Spirit of DDLETB' award and submission for 'Celebrate our Ethos' student competition.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Identity, Multi-Belief and Values Education (IMBV)

Pilot schools receiving support throughout the year with school support visits and online training and information sessions.

April 23rd – IMBV Training with ETBI in Head Office Tuansgate 9.30-3.30pm

Digital Media Team

Our Digital Team have been hard at work again the past few weeks, with ETB Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge and various other events. Thank you all for your hard work and support and thank you for attending our online session in February.

We look forward to seeing you all on May 2nd for our CPD session.

EAL

A great EAL Network meeting on 13th March. We looked at new reports on EAL from DE after inspections in 83 schools.

Cambridge for Schools exams will take place in Head Office on 14th/15th or 29th May (CEFR levels A2, B1 and B2) with speaking exams the previous Saturday in St Kevin's CC.

English Language Teaching (ELT) intensive course leading to internationally recognised certification (Cambridge English) start week beginning 17th June.

Deadline for applications is Friday 3rd May. Book as early as possible to guarantee a place.

S/AEN

Our SAEN Development officer has visited all DDLETB Secondary Schools over the past 8 weeks. We were delighted to meet all SENCOs at the S/AEN Network meeting in Head Office on Thursday 14th March.

We had lots of exciting updates to share with the group including WSE Inspection from a SENCO point of view.

Check out DDLETB Psychology Support Services upcoming personal and professional development opportunities.



CHANGING MINDS:
An Adult Mental Health Initiative

This is an online three-part personal development programme which will cover: brain plasticity, emotional regulation, and our critical inner voice.

Wednesday, 1st May
Wednesday, 8th May
Wednesday, 15th May } 3pm-5pm

Details about how to register will be emailed to all staff in April



DDLETB Youth & Sports

DDLETB youth and sports department are working on their youth work development plan for 2024-2027.

In February we met with 240 young people who told us what they liked about their communities, their youth service, what doesn't work and what's missing! We have many more conversations to have but here is a little snippet of the week.

Thank you to all our funded organisations, the youth workers, managers and most importantly all the young people who have their time to support this task!

#youthworkworks #ddletb #ddletbyouth

See a video of the event here:

<https://youtu.be/P1fzUyUMoRM>



AMBASSADOR FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Caro Neville (Dún Laoghaire AES)

Margaret is currently working towards Spreadsheet Methods L4 and Challenging Discrimination L3 qualifications AND Personal Decision Making at Loughlinstown Training Centre.

Hi my name is Margaret Turley. I am from Kilkenny but live in Dublin. I went to Trinity where I did the Certificate in Contemporary Living course and got student of the year. After that I got a permanent part time job in EY (Ernst Young). I play basketball for Sports club 15 and have recently taken up skiing in Kiltiernan.

One of the highlights of 2023 for me was when I represented my country playing basketball at the Special Olympics world games in Berlin. We won gold beating Azerbaijan in the final. The atmosphere was amazing. I also got capped for Ireland in Basketball

I am very passionate about speaking up for peoples' rights especially for those with disabilities. I was invited by Special Olympics to speak in the Oireachtas on the International Day for people with disabilities in 2020. I also participated in the advertisement for the DSS (Decision Support Service) which is on T.V. and radio. I have been part of research, both as a participant and as a researcher with Inclusion Ireland, TU Dublin, Trinity and Special Olympics USA.

My most recent achievement for this year is to have been chosen as a representative for Ireland, Europe, Eurasia as a Sergeant Shriver Global Messenger. (SSGM). Sergeant Shriver was married to Eunice Kennedy who



founded the Special Olympics and their son Tim and daughter Maria continue their legacy. It has been 20 years since there was an Irish ambassador. It last for 4 years and includes trips to Washington and to the Special Olympic Winter and Summer World games. There may be other trips abroad where I am invited to speak or be on a panel.

Celebrating 11 Years of Excellence: ETB Week



It was a week of celebration, collaboration, and community spirit as the Education and Training Boards across the country came together to mark our 11th anniversary and celebrate all things ETB. From coast to coast, 16 ETBs showcased the best of what they have to offer, demonstrating their commitment to education, innovation, and community engagement.

ETB Week provided a wonderful opportunity for each ETB to highlight their unique contributions to their respective communities. With a diverse range of events and competitions, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



One of the highlights of the week was the ETB Day ceremony in Thomond Park, Limerick, where ETB Alumni nominees, who have made significant impact in their career paths and/or contributions to their communities were recognised and celebrated. Their stories serve as an inspiration for current learners and a testament to the impact of education on personal and professional growth.

For learners, ETB Week offered exciting opportunities, including Bursary Award competitions aimed at supporting academic achievement and career aspirations. These awards not only recognise excellence but also provide tangible support for students as they pursue their educational goals. Award winners were announced at the ETB Day event.

But it wasn't all about serious accolades. ETB Week also brought plenty of fun and entertainment, with events like Carpool Karaoke bringing laughter and joy to schools and centres. The light-hearted activities served as a reminder of the importance of fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Throughout the week, there were also opportunities for relaxation and rejuvenation in our schools and centres, with activities like sunrise yoga on the beach providing a serene start to the day. Coffee mornings and quizzes provided a chance for members of the community to come together.

ETB Week wasn't just about individual events—it was about coming together as a collective to share best practices, collaborate on initiatives, and strengthen networks. Network meetings facilitated knowledge sharing and collaboration, fostering a sense of solidarity and unity among ETBs and our DDLETB staff. Together we celebrated 11 years of excellence in education, care, community, respect and equality and we look forward to many more years of serving our communities, empowering learners, and shaping the future.



Congratulations to all of our Alumni and Bursary nominees, we are so proud of each and every one of you. A special congratulations to Carolina Vintem our DDLETB Alumni Nominee and to the team from Donabate Community College who were joint winners in the Carpool Karaoke competition. You can view their creative entry here <https://youtu.be/54Cv8BJwMXg> it is not to be missed!



Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB Week Alumni Carolina Vitnem

Carolina came to Ireland as a refugee from Angola 22 years ago when she was 23. She is an Irish citizen since 2013. In Angola, Carolina had attended second level school, but she had no English at all when she came to Ireland. Her first language is Portuguese.

She has lived in Balbriggan since 2008 and became a student of the DDLETB Adult Education Service in Balbriggan in 2011. Initially she did some part time courses in English and ICT. She then joined a full-time programme and in time she completed a L4 major award and progressed to a L5 major award in the DDLETB Adult Education Service. After completing her L5 programme she applied to DIT Cathal Brugha Street as it was known at the time, but her application was unsuccessful.

She continued to attend English classes with the Adult Education Service Balbriggan and her DDLETB tutor supported her to apply for the degree in Culinary Arts again. Her second application was successful, and she began her degree in 2016, graduating during the pandemic in 2020.

She gained employment in the catering sector before working as a chef on the “Healthy Food Made Easy” project. She was then recruited to teach in the Community Education Service which is part of the DDLETB Adult Education Service Balbriggan. Carolina is a passionate, knowledgeable and patient teacher, taking care to ensure that her classes are well prepared and suitable for the level and skill set of the groups that she is teaching.

The Community Education Service works with a range of community partners including Prosper Fingal. Prosper Fingal provides services and supports to adults with an intellectual disability. Carolina teaches a group of young adults with intellectual disabilities how to cook simple healthy dishes and stay healthy. Also, through Community Education Service she works with Cairde which is a community group and teaches cookery and baking skills to a group of Irish and African women in the Cairde Balbriggan Community Centre.

Carolina still attends English language classes in the evening to improve her own standard of English. Her three children were born in Ireland. The eldest of them went to Balbriggan Community College and is now in university. The second child achieved an A in Irish in the Leaving Cert and is also in UCD and her youngest is currently a student in Ardgillan Community College.

Carolina was nominated by the manager of the Community Education Service for the Alumni Award because Carolina is a great example of how FET provides a bridge to new possibilities for learners. She came to Ireland with no English and has worked hard to get a degree and has now gone on to teach others, particularly disadvantaged cohorts, through the DDLETB Adult Education Service Balbriggan.

DDLETB were delighted to nominate Carolina for the ETB Alumni award and we were proud to celebrate with her at the ETB Day Ceremony in Thomond Park.



Multicultural Club

Grange Community College

Every Tuesday during lunch time students from 1st to 5th year meet up! In the 'Multicultural Club' students learn and share information about different cultures, traditions, religions and feast days.



Students in our school come from many different countries such as the Philippines, China, Hungary, Nigeria, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Palestine, India and Ireland. During this time, students play games and have competitions to help everyone integrate as one school community.

Each month the noticeboard is changed to reflect the various beliefs and cultural events that are important to students here. This inclusive nature is truly representative of our Ethos here in Grange Community College.

#ETBETHOS

DDLETB Annual Festival of Music: A Night of Talent and Dedication



The National Concert Hall in Dublin witnessed another awe-inspiring night of music and dedication at the DDLETB Annual Festival of Music.

Tuesday, February 27th was a remarkable evening, against the backdrop of this iconic venue, musicians, singers, and a magnificent choir from across our 31 Community Colleges delivered stellar performances that left a lasting impression on all in attendance. Families, friends, teachers, colleagues, and members of the wider community gathered to witness the extraordinary talents on display.

The atmosphere was electric as the performers took to the stage, showing great courage and professionalism. The evening was a celebration of music in its purest form — From classical masterpieces to contemporary hits, the repertoire showcased the diversity and skill of our learners/performers and captivated the audience.

A standout moment came from the band 'The Swings' representing Ardgillan Community College, whose original song and debut single 'Dancing with You' had the crowd on their feet. Their electrifying performance left an indelible mark, and we are certain to keep an eye out for them in the future, as we will for all of the performers on the night.

As the final notes echoed through the hall, there was a sense of pride and accomplishment among all who participated. Each performer had risen to the occasion, delivering a performance that was nothing short of extraordinary. A heartfelt congratulations to all who took to the stage on this memorable evening. Your hard work, dedication, and passion for music were evident in every note.

So, as the curtains close on another successful DDLETB Festival of Music, we extend our gratitude to the organisers, accompanying musicians, and choral director whose tireless efforts and unwavering commitment continue to contribute to the success of the concert.

Here's to many more performances in the future, as we continue to celebrate the extraordinary talents within our DDLETB community.



Love Me Again

“Love Me Again”, a Pop-Up exhibition of images and loved again garments that were styled and presented by students of Fashion Buying, Styling and Visual Merchandising at Sallynoggin College of Further Education, was recently supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Our SCFE students loved visiting all their local Multicultural Club Dún Laoghaire charity and vintage clothing shops, exploring different ways to practice dressing sustainably and learning about how they can be part of the Slow Fashion movement.

The consumption of clothing is having a negative impact on our environment and climate, and the fashion industry is a huge contributor to this global problem. We need to slow fashion down. In the exhibition SCFE students presented tips on how we can all do this, by buying less, choosing well, taking care of what we have, and recycling or composting clothing when we are finished with them.



The SCFE Fashion Department cares about these issues and wants to effect change in the fashion industry in the future. We invite you to join us to explore how we can all make a difference by choosing and promoting environmentally and socially responsible clothing.

Visit your local charity and vintage shops to get inspired and have some fun with creating new looks and new styles out of clothing that can be loved again. #LoveMeAgain



Credits: Love Me Again Photoshoot

All photoshoot garments were sourced from Charity and Vintage shops in Dún Laoghaire, including; NCBI, Oxfam, Barnardos, Vincent's, Irish Cancer Society, Thrift Shop Dun Laoghaire, Slaughterhouse Vintage.



Photographer: Johnny Savage

Models: Ella Byrne, Lina Minayeva, Blessing Nherudzo, Melaniia Volyshna

Sallynoggin College Stylists:
Daria Bondar, Rachel Doyle, Holly Farrell,
Sarah Giles, Jake Hayden, Emma Morton,
Deirdre O'Rourke, Saoirse Prenter, Sean
Walsh Hind, Lidiia Myronenko

Hair & Makeup: Sallynoggin College
students of Hairdressing & Beauty
Therapies

Exhibition supported by:
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council



Deansrath staff and students pay tribute to Jacob

"In November 2022 the school community at Deansrath Community College were devastated by the loss of First Year student Jacob Perkins. Jacob was a charismatic and inspiring boy who brought laughter and happiness into the life of everyone he interacted with. Sadly, Jacob was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer earlier that year and received a terminal diagnosis. Jacob refused to let his illness prevent him from inspiring others and he bravely fronted a campaign for World Childhood Cancer month raising thousands of euro in the process for charity.

Jacob's friends, many of who he attended primary school with wanted to create a permanent tribute to him in school so the Parents' Association offered to sponsor a friendship bench. The friendship or 'buddy bench' evolved into a community project as ever-reliable school caretaker Brendan Nestor sourced materials and was ably assisted by his father, Eamonn from Lucan Men's Shed to design and construct the bench. The younger members of the Nestor family even assisted by helping to transport and deliver the bench!

Finally, some of Jacob's classmates guided by talented Art teacher Ciara Skehan painted and added some finishing touches before it was put on display last week to the delight of the now Second Year students. It is hoped the bench will serve as a lasting legacy to Jacob under the motto "some friendships are timeless."



Luttrellstown Community College News



Childline

5th Year Cinnirí learners at Luttrellstown CC, Emmet Cassidy & Doireann Carey were invited to attend the launch of the new ISPCC National Hub in Dun Laoghaire. They were delighted with both students as they represented LCC so well yet again!

We are delighted our students have been chosen for a national campaign.

The event was to mark the opening of the new purpose built ISPCC/ ChildLine building in Dún Laoghaire.

ISPCC funding is made up of 50% Government funds and the rest from fundraising.

Luttrellstown Cinnirí Emmet Cassidy and Doireann Carey were chosen as the child ambassadors for the event- "It was very interesting to see the wide range of work the staff in the ISPCC do day to day." Said Doireann Carey 5th year Cinnirí.

The students got to work with celeb and sports ambassadors Caelen Doris and Billy Dardis from the IRFU even getting a few pictures and small Q/A session with them. LCC and our students were humbled to be invited to such a prestigious event.

For more information visit ispcc-opens-new-national-hub

Blog & Newsletter

Luttrellstown Community College has taken the school newsletter to the next level. LCC News covers events in both Luttrellstown CC and its sister Gaelcholáiste Coláiste na Tulchann.

LCC News feeds directly into students Teams app and brings them Videos, Podcasts, news and sports reports as they happen with new reports usually published daily. It covers every event in the school: Erasmus+ trips, student council meetings, football matches, and celebrate the achievements of students. Take a look at some of their work.

- [LCC students at IASF Dance Worlds](#)
- [Bake Off](#)
- [Gach Nuacht ó Coláiste na Tulchann](#)

AWARDS FOR ST. MACDARA'S RENAISSANCE CLUB

St Mac Daras Community College has had great success with its D&D club.

Dungeons and Dragons is a tabletop game that encourages roleplay, strategy, and community. The club itself has over 30 active members this year with many others throughout the school. We could possibly be the largest club of its type in Dublin, we'd love to find out if there are other active clubs in the DDLETB.

Students have engaged brilliantly; creating gaming groups, adventure settings, and have even done CBAs based on the game.

The club is proud to have won the Renaissance award for the Wildcard category. This category celebrated non-traditional approaches to education, and the club has had great success in students engaging with the community, engaging creatively and developing their key skills through the game. The Renaissance awards are headed by Renaissance learning and promote outside the box thinking and celebrate new initiatives within schools. Schools from all over the world take part and we were thrilled to have won an award.

Winning the award was a great moment for the club, and we hope to continue developing it further. We're considering options for school trips in the future and would love to link in with others in the community, please get in touch.

The Award was headed by Renaissance learning, <https://www.renlearn.co.uk/> and covers a number of areas such as wellbeing, inclusion, excellence in education, and a wildcard category for 'outside the box' thinking.

Club members are looking forward to receiving their trophy.



Priory Youthreach News

Silver Health HQ Mark

Priory Youthreach were extremely proud to accept the Silver Health Quality (HQ) Mark from the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI). The HQ Mark is a recognition of quality standards in youth health promotion, awarded to organisations who meet specified criteria.

The NYCI have developed twelve criteria that demonstrates best practice in health promotion and has designed many of these criteria based on those established by the World Health Organization (WHO) for the Health Promoting Schools Initiative. As a result, organisations can achieve varying levels of the HQ Mark – bronze, silver, and gold – when some or all criteria are met. Priory Youthreach will receive their gold HQ Mark in May 2024 to coincide with their annual graduation ceremony.



FIT at Priory Youthreach

Fast Track to Information Technology (FIT) has been conducting Mock Interviews for Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 4 learners at Priory Youthreach for 10 years this year. Recently, Elaine Mernagh and Magda Szpitun have guided learners through mock interviews.

These simulated interviews have become an integral element of the Work Experience module, providing learners with essential interview practice and skills applicable to both job seeking and college applications. This year's facilitator Vanessa Noone has supported our QQI Level 4 learners.

Priory Youthreach extends its gratitude to FIT for their continued support in conducting CV and Interview skills workshops throughout the years.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

ó 1-17 Márta in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain le Energia #SnaG24.

Is féile Ghaeilge idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus fud fad an domhain gach bliain.

Tugtar deis do gach éinne sult a bhaint as an nGaeilge tríd a bheith páirteach san fhéile, idir chainteoirí dúchasacha, fhoghlaimeoirí agus lucht an chúpla focal ar aon, trí fhéilire imeachtaí siamsúla agus spráíúla a chur ar fáil do gach cineál suime agus gach aoisghrúpa.

Cúpla focal Gaeilge a úsáid, bain triail aisti – Surprise Yourself!

Bhí go leor imeachtaí le ceiliúradh ag scoileanna agus choláistí a DDLETB le Seachtain na Gaeilge:

- Tráth na gceist
- Tráthnóna Spraoi
- Céilí
- Ciorcal comhrá
- Maidin caife
- Seisiún ceoil agus eile

An raibh a fhios agaibh?

Cuirimid oideachas ar fáil trí mheán an Bhéarla agus na Gaeilge. Is iad na BOO

an soláthraí is mó Gaeloideachas in Éirinn agus DDLETB/ BOOACDL inár bpátrún bhródúla ar 4 Gaelcholáistí agus Aonad Lán Gaeilge f/ch Luttrellstown CC.

- **Coláiste Chilliaín**
Cluain Dolcáin, Baile Átha Cliath 22
- **Coláiste Cois Life**
Leamhcán, Co. Átha Cliath
- **Coláiste de hÍde**
Tamhlacht, Baile Átha Cliath 24
- **Gaelcholáiste Reachrann**
Domhnach Míde, Baile Átha Cliath 13
- **Coláiste na Tulchann** – Aonad Lán Gaeilge f/ch Luttrellstown CC.



Coláiste de hÍde
@coldehide

Bhí iomaíocht san aer inniú ag an Tráth na gCeist uile scoile do Sheachtain na Gaeilge! Tá bualadh bos mór ag dul chuig an Comhairle na nDaltaí as ucht é a eagrú, agus comhghairdeas leis na mbuaiteoirí ar fad 🍌💖🍌 #meas #bród #comhar #Teamddletb @ddletb @Gaelbhratach10



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@Tulchann @tulchann · 2d

Míle buíochas le @ColCoisLife a chuir tráthnóna spraoi agus scléip ar siúl do lucht an cúigiú bliain ó scoileanna an cheantair inné. Ba údar mórtais é cúpla cead duine óg a fheiceáil agus a chloisint ag caidreamh le chéile trí #Gaeilge #SnaG24 #NídoSNAGamháinAnGhaeilge!



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Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge orainn an tseachtain seo chaite agus thugamar faoi go leor eachtraí.

Bhuaileamar trasna chuig ár gcairde i gColáiste Cois Life ar an Déardaoin chun daltaí B15 a chur in aithne dá chéile (cé gur bhuaill roinnt dóibh lena chéile roimhe seo ar an bpáirc! Dá laghad a deirtear faoi is ea is fearr!!!)

Bhí cluichí boird, spóirt agus Kahoot ar siúl i rith na seachtaine chomh maith le díospóireachtaí, seisiún ceoil, agus eachtraí eile gach lá. Bhí sinsir na scoile ag glacadh páirte i 'Pop up Gaeltacht' taobh amuigh den ionad spóirt áitiúla ar an Aoine.

Thug an grúpa traid cuairt ar dhá bhunscoil áitiúla chun seisiún ceoil a chur ar siúl dóibh agus thosaigh an idirbhliain ar léitheoireacht a dhéanamh le daltaí na bunscoile taobh linn. Bhí seachtain iontach lán le spraoi agus craic againn! (Chomh maith le roinnt oibre scoile agus staidéar mar is gnáth!!)

Cuirim fáilte romhat GCR a leanúint ar na meáin shóisialta X @gcreachrann, Instagram @gc_reachrann nó ar www.gcreachrann.ie.

An Spórt i nGaelcholáiste Reachrann

Ón mbliain a chur Gaelcholáiste Reachrann fáilte roimh a chéad daltaí scoile, táimid i gcónaí ag iarraidh a suim a mhúscailt i gcúrsaí spóirt agus ag iarraidh iad a mhealladh chun páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí seach-churaclaim. Tá traidisiún láidir spóirt agus stair dhomhain ag baint leis an scoil ón am a bunaíodh í, 23 bliain ó shin.

Mar phríomhoide na scoile, cuireann sé gliondar ar mo chroí nuair a smaoiním faoi na héachtaí atá bainte amach ag ár scoláirí i mbliana agus ba mhaith liom iad a thréaslú. Táim fíorbhródúil astu go léir.

Le linn na bliana, léirigh ár bhfoirne tallann agus spórtúlacht den scoth, agus rinne siad sárjab i ngach comórtas/cluiche a d'imir siad. Tá a dturas i rith na bliana marcáilte le díograis, obair foirne, agus grá don spórt. Ach, ní fhéadfaí dearmad a dhéanamh ar na cóitseálaithe tiomanta, agus na múinteoirí ábhair go léir a thacaigh leo. Ní amháin go spreagann na múinteoirí na daltaí ach tacaíonn siad leo a n-ard ionchais a bhaint amach i ngach gné eile den saol scoile. Lena bhfuinneamh breise, eagraíonn siad agus bainistíonn siad na himeachtaí éagsúla bliain i ndiaidh bliain gan aon ghearráin. (Buíochas le Dia!!)

Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do na foirne agus na múinteoirí seo a leanas:

Peil Gaelach

F19 Buachaillí - Seaimpíní BÁC Roinn C agus shroich siad craobh Laighean - Oide Mícheál

F19 Cailíní - Craobh Laighean Roinn D (19ú Márta) - Oide Mícheál

Cispheil

F19 Buachaillí - Seaimpíní BÁC agus Seaimpíní Laighean - Oide Fíona

Iomáint

F16 Seaimpíní BÁC Roinn D - Oide Enda

F19 Craobh BÁC (dáta le teacht) - Oide Cian

Camogie

F16 Craobh BÁC (8ú Márta) - Oide Laura

Sacair

F17 Buachaillí - Seaimpíní BÁC agus Seaimpíní Laighean - shroich siad craobh na hÉireann!

F19 Cailíní - ½ craobh Laighean (dáta le teacht) - Oide Sam

Lúthchleasaíocht

Cailíní - Tuaisceart BÁC Rás Sealaíochta 3ú h-áit - Oide Ciara

Buachaillí - Tuaisceart BÁC Rás Sealaíochta 1ú áit - Oide Ciara



Comhghairdeas libh!!!

Dráma na hIdirbhliana

Beidh daltaí na hIdirbhliana ag tabhairt faoin gCeoldráma *High School Musical* i mbliana i gClasach, Cluain Tarbh ar an 10ú agus 11ú Aibreán agus ba mhaith linn cuireadh a thabhairt do chách a bheith linn! Tá siad ag obair go dian ag aisteoireacht agus ag canadh agus táim ag tnúth go mór leis.

I wish Women in STEM



On February 8th, the vibrant halls of the RDS Dublin were teeming with excitement and inspiration as enthusiastic young female learners gathered for the annual, I Wish - Women in STEM event. Against the backdrop of this iconic venue, students from various backgrounds convened with one common goal: to explore the boundless opportunities awaiting them in the realms of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The turnout was amazing, reflecting the growing enthusiasm and determination among young women to carve their paths in traditionally male-dominated fields. As attendees navigated through interactive exhibits and engaging workshops, they were greeted by representatives from leading corporations such as Deloitte, Johnson and Johnson, AWS, Coca-Cola, SIG, and many more who showcased their commitment to fostering diversity and inclusivity within their organisations.

A highlight of the event was undoubtedly the lineup of female speakers who took centre stage to share their personal journeys and insights into thriving in STEM careers. From recounting their educational pursuits to detailing their career trajectories, speakers highlighted the many possibilities awaiting the next generation of girls.

Among the attendees were numerous students from our DDLETB Community Colleges, seizing the opportunity to get involved in this transformative experience. At its core, the I Wish Women in STEM event embodies the ethos of “No Girl Gets Left Behind,” a rallying cry for inclusivity and empowerment in the pursuit of excellence. We look forward to next year’s event!

#NoGirlGetsLeftBehind @iWish_ie

For more information follow I Wish on social media and check-out their website - <https://www.iwish.ie/>

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